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SUBJ: PNG ATTITUDES TOWARD LOS ISSUES ON EVE OF CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING VIEWS PRESENTED TO EMBASSY BY LEGAL ADVISOR TO PNG DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS GEOFFREY DABB WHO SERVES AS PNG DELEGATE TO LOS CONFERSNCE. DABB DEPARTED FOR NEW YORK SESSION ON 27 APRIL.

2. PNG VIEWS ITSELF AS REASONABLY FORWARD LOOKING THIRD WORLD COASTAL STATE. IT IS CONCERNED TO ACHIEVE RECOGNITION OF ITS JURISDICTIONAL RESOURCE CLAIMS ON BASIS 200-MILE RESOURCES ZONE IN COMBINATION WITH AN ARCHIPELAGIC CLAIM. IT DOES NOT WISH SEE RESTRICTIONS ON ITS CONTROL OVER RESOURCES IN THE ZONE, AND IT REGARDS TEMRS IN EXISTING SNT AS BEING BARELY ACCEPTABLE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF ADOPTION

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OF 200-MILE JURISDICTION BY DISTANT WATER FISHING STATES. ON OTHER HAND, PNG HAS BEEN FAIRLY RELAXED ON QUESTION OF NATIGATION AND TRANSIT RIGHTS. IT PERCEIVES ITS MAIN INTEREST TO BE RESOUCOE ORIENTATED, AND IT IS PREPARED TO USE WHATEVER INFLUENCE INT MIGHT HAVE TO MODERATE CLAIMS BY SOME DEVELOPING STATES ON NAVIGATION QUESTION. DABB HAS FAIRLY STRONG PERSONAL VIEW ON QUESTION OF COASTAL STATE CONTROL OF HIGHLY

MIGRATORY SPECIES (TUNA). AT THIS STAGE HE DOES NOT THINK PNG SHOULD EVEN ACCEPT THAT THE HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPEICES QUESTION HAS ANY VALIDITY EVEN AS BARGANING COUNTER.

3. AS ARCHIPELAGIC STATE PNG BELONGS TO "SOFT" GROUP PREPARED TO ACCEPT PROVISIONS OF RSNT WITHOUT AMENDMENT, EXCEPT PERHAPS WITH REGARD OVERFLIGHT. ALTHOUGH PNG HAS NO INTEREST IN MARGIN BEYOND 200 MILES IT IS EASY FOR IT TO SUPPORT BROAD MARGIN STATES, PARTICULARLY AS GROUP INCLUDES MANY PNG FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AND IS FARILY INFLUENTIAL.

4. RE PROVINCE OF FIRST COMMITTEE PNGS MAIN CONCERN IS PROTECTION OF DEVELOPING LAND-BASED PRODUCERS, ESPECIALLY COPPER PRODUCERS, AGAINST ADVERSE EFFECTS FROM SEABED PRODUCTION. EXCEPT ON THIS QUESTION PNG COULD BE REGARDED AS A MODERATE MEMBER OF THE GROUP OF 77.

5. RE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT AND POLUTTION CONTROL PNG HAS CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE, BECAUSE NATIONAL POLICY ON BOTH THOSE MATTERS STILL BEING FORMULATED.

6. ON PERSONAL LEVEL, DABB WILL BE VERY INTERESTED SEE EFFECT ON SECOND COMMITTEE PACKAGE OF RECENT UNILATERAL ACTION OF FISHING STATES. HE EXPECTS THIS ACTION WILL MAKE DEVELOPING COASTAL STATES LESS WILLING ACCEPT RESTRAINTS RE NON-RESOURCE MATTERS, SINCE RESOURCE CLAIMS MAY BE SECURED WITHOUT CONVENTION. THIS RAISES QUESTION OF NATURE OF DEAL SOUGHT IN FIRST COMMITTEE IF SECOND COMMITTEE PACKAGE IS SEVERED.

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7. HE CONCLUDES NEW YORK SESSION WILL PROBABLY SEE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF REAPPRAISAL ON ALL SIDES.

8. FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS BEING POUCHED DEPT INR/RGE:

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S NEW SEA AND SEABED LEGISLATION

DISPUTE SETTLEMENT AND NEW LAW OF THE SEA

NATIONAL SEAS ACT 1977

FISHERIES (DECLARED FISHING ZONE) ACT 1977

CONTINENTAL SHELF (LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES) (NATIONAL SEAS) ACT 1977

INTERPRETATION (APPLICATION OF LAWS) ACT 1977

PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (NATIONAL SEAS) ACT 1977

TUNA RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (NATIONAL SEAS) ACT 1977
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